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1. The Chinese Communist Air Force (CCAF) has six training bases: Changchun, Mutanchiang, Mukden, Chinchou, Peiping (South Field) and Tsinan. It is planned eventually to station six groups at these fields - fighter groups at Changchun and Peiping, and bombers at the other fields.
2. In February 1950 there were 25 training planes and 60 Soviet instructors at the Peiping base. The training program was generally unsatisfactory. The first classes of air cadets were chosen from the army, with the main qualification being that the cadet must be a son of a tenant farmer. Most of the cadets failed ground school and the Soviet advisers complained over the caliber of the personnel.
3. Since the first of this year the cadets have been defected Nationalists with some knowledge of elementary science and mathematics.
4. Up to February the CCAF had received no aircraft from the Soviets except former Japanese equipment captured in Manchuria. The CCAF was expecting Soviet planes in the near future. Numbers were unknown except to the highest echelons but it was reported to be between 300 and 500.
5. Defected Nationalist pilots with the CCAF are under suspicion and are closely watched. They are all very disgruntled and many are prepared to defect back again.

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